

## STORET/WQX Conference Call – March 29, 2007, 12:00-1:00 PM Eastern Time

### Introduction (Kristen Gunthardt)

- The minutes from all previous conference calls are available over the web: <http://www.epa.gov/storet/confcalls.html>
- The next scheduled call will be in May 2007. The exact date will be emailed via the listserv later this month.
- Please email [storet@epa.gov](mailto:storet@epa.gov) and let EPA know you have attended the call so that meeting rosters may be kept.
- If you have a special topic you'd like to lead for an upcoming call, please email [Gunthardt.Kristen@epamail.epa.gov](mailto:Gunthardt.Kristen@epamail.epa.gov)
- EPA would like to hear comments you have on the quality of these conference calls. Please send them to [storet@epa.gov](mailto:storet@epa.gov)
- Please subscribe to the STORET automated listserv for announcements regarding conference calls: <http://www.epa.gov/storet/listserv.html>

### STORET/WQX Watershed Summary Tool/New Warehouse Capabilities

- The Watershed Summary tool is available on the web site. Data can be summarized by organization or characteristic type.
- All data from the STORET Warehouse is now delivered in a downloaded tar.gz file.
- We have added the new capability of making metadata information available along with data downloads. To support this, we cannot provide data in a browser window. This new capability also removes the risk of saving an incomplete file while the data is being downloaded into a browser window.
- A tar.gz file type is necessary at this point. We are working to have zip files in the future.
- We are in the process of updating documentation to include instructions on interacting with STORET/WQX warehouse data. We plan to have the files on the web site next week.
- One search site for biological, physical/chemical and habitat results will be an additional feature added to the STORET Warehouse in the future. All data can be downloaded together or separately.
- Any comments or suggestions to enhance the summary tool or develop other summary tools would be greatly appreciated. Please email all comments to [storet@epa.gov](mailto:storet@epa.gov).

### 2007 STORET WQX Users Conference

- The 2007 STORET/WQX Users Conference will tentatively be held in Austin, TX the last week of November 2007. Please email the STORET team with any suggestions or comments on the anticipated date and location.

### Q and A

- Q: How long is the lag time between requesting a data download and the delivery?
- A: It is dependent upon the size of the file and server occupancy. For most files, the process is done in usually less time than it takes to receive the email.
- Q: Is it possible to order by watershed name? (Steven Hale)
- A: We can look into accommodating this feature. We are also looking into ordering by HUC 12 however we are waiting for HUC 12 information to be completed for the nation.

**Participants on call (based on who emailed [storet@epa.gov](mailto:storet@epa.gov))**

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